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In re the Application of: David ELBERBAUM

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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR....

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

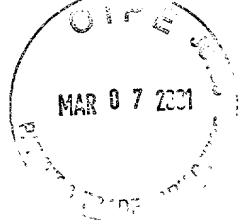
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figs. 4A-4E are cross-sectional views showing the process of pulling and loading a fresh disk into the pull slider of Figs. 3A and 3B;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 4A- Fig.4E show the process of pulling and feeding the disk 5A into the sliding table, wherein Fig. 4A shows the pull slider 12 at its initial retraction and the flexible pull

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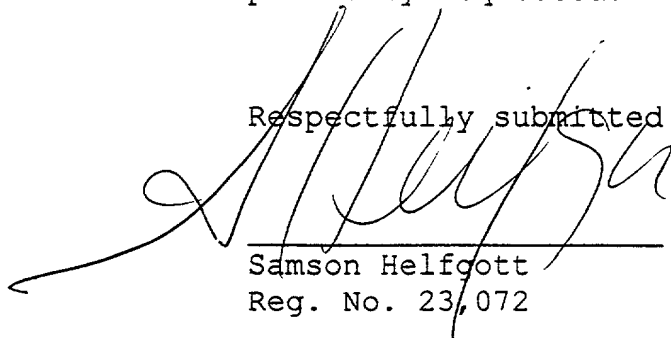
lever 12s which is about to be compressed under the disk 5A. Fig. 4B shows the pull slider 12 at its mid-way retraction with the pull lever 12S/D slides under the disk 5A. Fig. 4C shows the pull slider 12 fully retracted and the pull lever 12S stretching fully behind the disk 5A, ready to engage the disk rim. Fig. 4D shows the pull slider 12 in its early movement outwards pulling the disk 5A to a point just before the disk 5A leaves its support 10S and cushion 10G. Fig. 4F shows the disk 5B being pulled by the movement of the pull slider 12 outwards and falling into the tapered rim 12A while the newly first fresh disk 5A falls onto the cushion 10G.--

#### REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

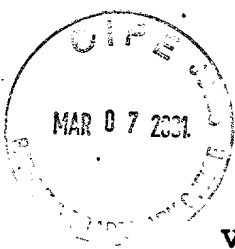


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In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figs. 4A-4FE are cross-sectional views showing the process of pulling and loading a fresh disk into the pull slider of Figs. 3A and 3B;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 4A- Fig.4FE show the process of pulling and feeding the disk 5A into the sliding table, wherein Fig. 4A shows the pull slider 12 at its initial retraction and the flexible pull lever 12s which is about to be compressed under the disk 5A. Fig. 4B shows the pull slider 12 at its mid-way retraction with the pull lever 12S/D slides under the disk 5A. Fig. 4C shows the pull slider 12 fully retracted and the pull lever 12s stretching fully behind the disk 5A, ready to engage the disk rim. Fig. 4D shows the pull slider 12 in its early movement outwards pulling the disk 5A to a point just before the disk 5A leaves its support 10S and cushion 10G. Fig. 4F shows the disk 5B being pulled by the movement of the pull slider 12 outwards and falling into the tapered rim 12A while the newly first fresh disk 5A falls onto the cushion 10G.--

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